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Learn About The OACRAO Bylaws!

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Are you new to OACRAO and wonder what we are all about? Are you a seasoned OACRAO member and wonder how our organization works? On our website, is our operating manual, although it's more common name is [OACRAO Bylaws](#). The bylaws share our mission:

The mission of the Ohio Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (hereinafter, the Association) is to provide professional development regarding best practices and standards, and guidelines in records management, admissions, enrollment management, administrative information technology and student services to higher education officials in Ohio, and, but not limited to:

1. Provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas among members.
2. Provide mentoring and professional development opportunities for the membership.
3. Foster a spirit of unity, cooperation, and professional pride among our members and others in the higher education community.

Our members are definitely living our mission. Serving on the Board of Directors, we often see how our volunteer organization steps up and carries out this mission. Each one of you is an important piece of the organization and we thank you for your assistance in making our organization what it is!

I encourage you all to take some time and read our bylaws to help understand our reason for being and how we operate. Whether it is the first time or the fiftieth time, go look! (It's okay, I will wait while you take a peek.) If you have any questions, think items could be clarified or just want to validate the current version of the bylaws, feel free to call me at [\(513\) 529-8707](tel:5135298707) or email me at jonescm3@MiamiOH.edu. You are always welcome to serve on the Bylaws Committee and help keep our operating manual complete and current! Happy reading!



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ALONZA JACKSON-McCABE

Associate Registrar

Oberlin College



Tell us about yourself.

My name is Alonza Jackson-McCabe or AJ McCabe for short. I grew up as an Army Brat and got to travel all across Europe as a young child. Many of my fondest childhood memories come from our stay in Germany. Winter in Germany was such an enchanted place for a child who had never seen snow before.

I've been married for 25 years and I have a son who is currently a high school senior. We are anxiously waiting to hear back from colleges. It has been interesting to be on the 'consumer' end of higher education.

What do you do at Oberlin College?

My title is Associate Registrar for Curriculum, Degree Progress and Graduation. I oversee course scheduling, curriculum changes, the course catalog, degree auditing and graduation. I am new to the position and eager to learn!

How did you come to your current position?

I have been at Oberlin for a little over 4 years where I worked in the Center for Information Technology supporting Human Resources (payroll and benefits) and Student (Degree Auditing software). An opportunity opened up in the Registrar's Office and I eagerly jumped at the opportunity to work in a student oriented office with a great bunch of people.

Outside of work, what do you like to do?

When I am not working I like to read, make soap and bath products, hang out with family and friends.

Are you originally from Ohio?

No, I am not originally from Ohio. I was born in California and lived in there until I was in 9 years old. After that we moved to Germany, then back to California, then to Massachusetts where I graduated from High School. I attended college in California where I met my husband. My husband is an academic – so we moved around a bit (Illinois, Ohio, New York) until we landed here in Cleveland.

What is on your bucket list?

Travel. There are so many places in the world to visit and experience.

OACRAO PLANNING MEETING

IDEA-Palooza Exceeds Wildest Dreams with 70!

Year after year in the cold of winter Mount Carmel College of Nursing has warmly welcomed OACRAO colleagues from around the state for the annual program planning meeting, a day of brainstorming, idea generation, collaboration, and friendship. It is a special day in which the four program committees help prepare the ground for a successful OACRAO conference. In the spring, ideas nurtured by committee members sprout, grow, and flourish, ultimately maturing into a fully developed slate of conference sessions to be enjoyed by the OACRAO membership in the fall.

*Submitted by: Mary Holland, VP Program
Wright State University*

On Friday, March 10, again Mount Carmel extended their hospitality. The OACRAO Board of Directors and the four program committees gathered for the day's work; in all, around 40 people attended. Due to the efforts of Karen Greene and Michelle Livingston, the day was seamless with swift Internet connections, comfortable work spaces for each committee, and delicious food to sustain our thought processes. They are a wonderful team, thinking of every minute detail, essential in ensuring the day's success!

While much was the same on this chilly day, probably even more was different. The OACRAO Board decided to take a new approach and in February invited proposals and idea generation through a new electronic form. Hoping to leverage technology and get a head-start on the idea-generation process, the planning meeting was billed as an IDEA-Palooza. The response from the OACRAO membership was staggering--in a good way--having submitted no less than SEVENTY ideas or proposals for the meeting!!! Committee members worked together to merge overlapping topics, identify potential workshops, and to further develop session material. Many commented on the excellent quality of the session proposals submitted. "Why didn't we do this a long time ago?" was a common theme.

Several interesting case studies were submitted, including partnering for student success, crisis response planning, migration of degree audit, and transitioning to a cloud-based SIS. Other topics included College Credit Plus, international students: facts & fears, transfer student experience, implicit bias and decision-making, bullet journaling and productivity, social media, open records requests, building blocks of class schedule development, and on and on. We extend our utmost gratitude to the membership, committee members, and chairs who enthusiastically embraced the new format, generating such rich content. We think conference-goers will be delighted with the bountiful choices.

The 2017 OACRAO Conference will be held on October 4-6 at Mohican State Park. Consider signing up for a pre-conference workshop and spend the morning delving deeply into a multi-faceted topic. Registration for the conference opens in early June. We hope you are as excited as we are about the many engaging sessions our members and committees have dreamed and developed for you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2018 OACRAO MEETING!



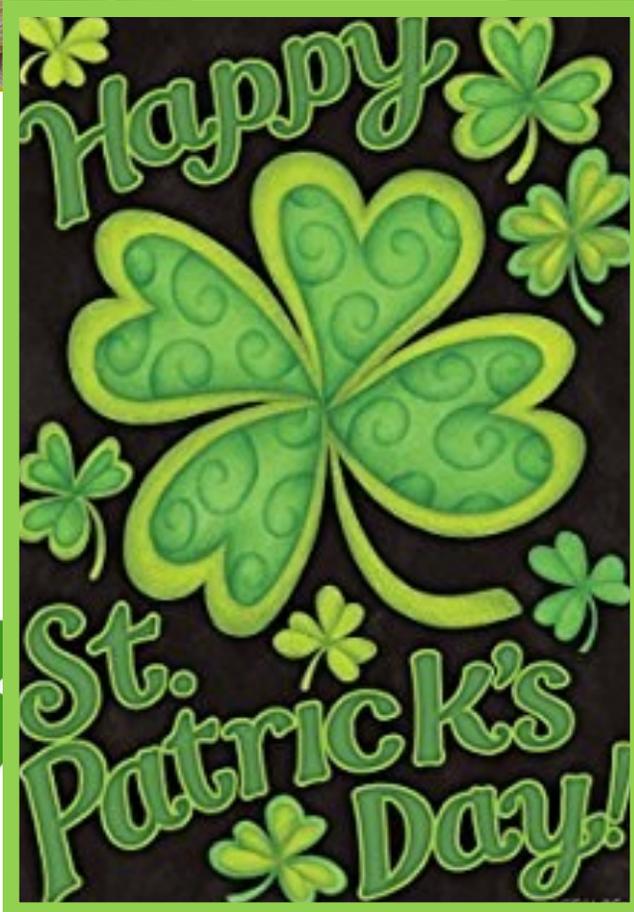
OACRAO is pleased to announce that our 2018 Annual Meeting will be held October 3-5, 2018, at the beautiful Sawmill Creek Resort and Conference Center in Huron, Ohio! Located on the shores of Lake Erie, Sawmill Creek is just minutes away from attractions such as Cedar Point, the Lake Erie Islands, the Marblehead lighthouse, vineyards and wineries, and much more. In addition to nearby attractions, Sawmill Creek is home to a Tom Fazio designed championship golf course, a private beach and marina, indoor and outdoor pools, and the Sawmill Creek Shops. Plan to bring both yourself and your family to enjoy all that this wonderful area has to offer!

OACRAO PLANNING MEETING PICS



**Information Systems &
Data Management Committee**

**Professional Development
Committee**



Admissions and International Committee

Records and Registration Committee

2017 SAVE THE DATES

UNIVERSITY of
DAYTON

Friday, March 24, 2017

Small College Registrar's Meeting at the
University of Dayton

Contact Brad Balsler

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OHIO DINNER AT AACRAO

Calling All Members Heading To AACRAO!



The Ohio dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at [The News Room](#), as seen on The Travel Channel. Attendees will enjoy dinner in a private room of this upscale casual restaurant serving an American eclectic menu. Just two blocks north of the convention center, our dinner will be a short walk from our meeting.

The cost is \$40 per person and includes your meal along with coffee, soda or tea. (Additional beverages sold separately) OACRAO guests are welcome for the same price. The evening will include a salad and entrée.

Join your fellow Ohioans for an evening of delightful conversation and a delicious dinner starting at 7:00 p.m.! This is one more great opportunity to get to know your colleagues in a casual setting. Plan to be there!

Register [here](#) for dinner, no later than **March 28, 2017**. Questions may be directed to [Beth DaLonzo](#), OACRAO president elect.

JOIN US FOR THE
OACRAO 2017 CONFERENCE!

[Mohican State Park](#)

WEDNESDAY—FRIDAY
OCTOBER 4-6, 2017

